

REMARKS

I. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 14, 16-19 and 31-38 are pending in this application.

Claims 14 and 38 are currently amended.

Claims 39-41 are newly added.

Support for the claim amendments can be throughout the applications as filed.

Specifically, claims 14 and 38 have been amended for clarity.

Newly added claim 39 finds support at page 9, lines 4-6.

Newly added claims 40 and 41 find support at page 9, line 29 – page 10, lines 9.

As amended claims present no new issue of patentability and put the claims in condition for allowance, entry of the claims is requested.

II. Amendment of the Title

The amended title of the specification now reads:

ARTICLES WITH HYDROPHILIC COATING

The new title is descriptive of the invention to which the claims are directed, and the objection to the title may now be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of claims 14, 16-19 and 31-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 14, 16-19 and 31-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the

invention. Specifically, the recitations of “the supporting polyacrylate or polymethacrylate in claim 14 and “average molecular weight” in claims 32 and 33 are considered indefinite. Amended claim 14, presented with this response, does not include the objected to claim language, and claims 32 and 33 have been canceled. The rejection may now be withdrawn.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note, with thanks, the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 14, 16-19 and 31-38 over the prior art of record. The claims have been rewritten so as to obviate the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of the claims. It is submitted that the claims and newly added claims 39-41 are in condition for allowance.

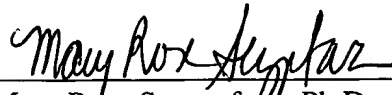
V. Conclusion.

Applicants submit that the outstanding rejections of the claims have been fully overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims 14, 16-19, 31 and 34-41 are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any further discussion of this communication would be helpful, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Response. However, please apply any additional charges, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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